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It's a good job you don't get arrested for attacking the charts. Unlike Eric Cantonas', our karate kick is very friendly. *Planet Telex/High And Dry* reaching no.17, with a Top Of The Pops appearance to boot, only marred by an unfriendly fade out before the guitar solo, ensuring that we did not get to see Jonny using a pound coin as a plectrum. The video for *High And Dry* was shot near L.A. in Vasquez Canyon where in the olden days they used to shoot episodes of the original Star Trek (no corsets for us!). Ed became suspicious when he noticed the video crew donning oilskins and retreating a hundred yards away from the set, before unleashing 100 000 gallons of freezing cold water on our hapless heroes, only later announcing that the water could have been warm if they had asked for it!

First off we must apologise again to those of you who witnessed the non-show in Sheffield on the 15th of Feb. Soz! It was great however to get your reactions to the new album. Thanks for that.

Possibly due to hormonal reasons or an improvement in the music press bio-rhythms, the new album was granted enthusiastic reviews, ***The Bends*** kicked and chopped its way into the album charts settling at no.6. Our bog walls are looking quite dapper at the moment because the album has already achieved silver disc status, which is cool, and ***Pablo Honey*** has just gone gold here in the U.K. which again is great news.

Fake Plastic Trees was released on the 15.5.95. again in a two C.D. set. C.D.1, features a track that was very nearly on ***The Bends*** called, ***How Can You Be Sure***, and a brand new song called ***India Rubber***. C.D.2 has acoustic versions of ***Fake Plastic Trees***, ***Street Spirit (Fade Out)*** and ***Bullet Proof..I Wish I Was***, which were all recorded at the Eve club in London. Look out for the video, its pretty groovy to coin a corny phrase. Shot in a airport hangar near L.A. by Jake Scott, (son of Ridley, who was the chappie who directed 'Bladerunner',) which is exactly the same one used at the end of 'Casablanca', you know the scene where Bogey ditches Ingrid Bergman. This **w.a.s.t.e.** seems to be full of film fact fun. And why not?

At the Norwich gig on the 22nd of March there was an incident of mishearing by Jonny which caused him a little embarrassment. On stage in full flight, Jonny vaguely heard from the crowd a very faint shout of something like, 'Show happiness!', puzzled, our hero uncorks his ears of his plugs to hear if he can distinguish the plea for rapture, above the rest of the noise, unfortunately he now could hear the shout very clearly indeed: 'Show us your penis!' Ahashed, our man pops back in his earplugs, and makes a mental note to hide behind a veil of hair for the rest of the gig!

More embarrassment for Jonny occurred recently on a promotional trip in Japan. When leaving the Tokyo hotel that he had stayed in for a week, someone suggested that it might be a good idea if he gave a bouquet of flowers to a chambermaid, to show his appreciation. Off he went in search of a chambermaid, saw a trolley, entered the room beside it, found inside a fellow making the bed; Jonny promptly turns on his heel, and stomps back down the corridor, where he bumps into an old woman; he gives her the flowers, she falls over in shock and he legs it out of the building!